



OFFICIAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

August 1 – 6, 2026

Educational Session	Business Meeting	Vendor Show	Vendor-Supported / Sponsored	General
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting & Breakfast BUSINESS MEETING	Jasper
2:00 – 5:00 PM	Registration GENERAL	2nd Floor
2:45 – 5:00 PM	Duck Boat Tour — <i>Optional</i> GENERAL	Lobby

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
9:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Registration GENERAL	2nd Floor
12:30 – 1:00 PM	New Members and First-Time Attendees Orientation GENERAL	Garnet
12:30 – 1:00 PM	Family and Guest Orientation GENERAL	Jasper
1:15 – 3:00 PM	Roll Call of the States and Business Meeting <i>(Session I)</i> BUSINESS MEETING • MEMBERS ONLY	Onyx
	<i>Break — 15 minutes</i>	
3:15 – 4:15 PM	Austin to ATX: An Introduction to Texas' Coolest, Hottest (for This Week at Least) City — <i>Joe Nick Patoski</i> EDUCATIONAL SESSION	Onyx

Break — 45 minutes		
5:00 – 6:30 PM	Reception — <i>Sponsored by File & ServeXpress</i> VENDOR-SUPPORTED / SPONSORED	Onyx
6:30 – 8:00 PM	Education Fund Auction & Morgan Thomas Slideshow GENERAL	Onyx
8:00 – 9:00 PM	Dessert & Bat Watching — <i>Sponsored by File & ServeXpress</i> VENDOR-SUPPORTED / SPONSORED	Onyx
9:00 PM – 12:00 AM	Hospitality Room — "WEAR YOUR STATE" & GROUP KARAOKE Show your state pride by wearing something that represents your home state—a T-shirt, hat, jersey, or anything with your state's name, flag, or symbol. Then join in for Group Karaoke! No solos required—this is karaoke where everyone sings together. The more voices, the more fun!	

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
7:00 – 8:15 AM	Breakfast GENERAL • MEMBERS ONLY	Onyx
8:20 – 8:30 AM	Morning Announcements GENERAL	Onyx
8:30 – 10:00 AM	Opperman Speaker: The People Priority Talk Every Leader Needs to Hear — Learning to Lean In — <i>Julie Schniers</i> EDUCATIONAL SESSION	Onyx
Break — 15 minutes		
10:15 – 11:30 AM	Ask the Experts — Panel — <i>Tim Gudas, Greg Hilton & Jenny Kitchings</i> EDUCATIONAL SESSION • MEMBERS ONLY	Onyx
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	Lunch on Your Own GENERAL	
1:15 – 2:45 PM	A Clerk's Conscience and the Impeachment of a Chief Justice — <i>Joe Steinfield</i> EDUCATIONAL SESSION • ETHICS	Onyx
Coffee Break — 15 minutes Sponsored by the State Bar of Texas Appellate Section		
3:00 – 4:30 PM	U.S. Supreme Court — <i>Scott Harris</i> EDUCATIONAL SESSION	Onyx
Break — 90 minutes		
6:00 – 9:00 PM	An Evening at the Bullock Texas State History Museum — <i>Sponsored by Thomson Reuters</i> <i>Buses to load at 5:40</i> VENDOR-SUPPORTED / SPONSORED	

9:00 PM – 12:00 AM

Hospitality Room - *TEXAS NIGHT: EVERYTHING'S BIGGER (AND BETTER!) IN TEXAS*

It's time to channel your inner cowboy or cowgirl! Dust off those cowboy hats, boots, big belt buckles, western shirts, or even a humorous sash (a quick online search will give you plenty of ideas). Whether you're a lifelong Texan or just Texan for the night, everyone looks good in western wear!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
7:00 – 8:15 AM	Breakfast GENERAL • MEMBERS ONLY	Onyx
7:00 – 8:50 AM	Past Presidents' Breakfast GENERAL	Travertine
8:20 – 8:30 AM	Morning Announcements GENERAL	Onyx
8:30 – 9:45 AM	Crisis Management — <i>Mark Weaver</i> EDUCATIONAL SESSION	Onyx
Break — 10 minutes		
9:55 – 10:55 AM	Webpage Design — <i>Jason Bobertz & John Yee</i> EDUCATIONAL SESSION	Onyx
Break — 5 minutes		
11:00 – 11:20 AM	Vendor Introductions & Opening of Vendor Show VENDOR SHOW	Onyx
Break — 10 minutes		
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Vendor Showcase VENDOR SHOW File & ServeXpress — <i>AI Clerk Review™: Streamlining Filing Review Without Replacing Clerk Judgment</i> Filing volumes continue to rise while appellate court teams are asked to manage growing workloads with limited staff and resources. Routine review steps are essential, but they can consume valuable time that could be spent on filings, exceptions, and tasks requiring clerk expertise. In this Vendor Showcase, File & ServeXpress will introduce and demo AI Clerk Review™, an intelligent filing review layer designed to support court filing workflows by applying court-defined rules and criteria to submissions, identifying potential issues early, and giving staff additional insight before filings reach the clerk's desk. The session will also share 10 questions every appellate court clerk should ask before implementing AI, including how to define AI's role, protect court data, preserve human accountability,	Onyx

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12:00 – 1:20 PM	Vendor Box Lunch VENDOR SHOW	Onyx
12:20 – 1:20 PM	C-Track Users Group Meeting VENDOR SHOW	Onyx 4
1:20 – 1:50 PM	Vendor Showcase VENDOR SHOW For the Record – <i>From Capture to Secure Sharing</i> See how FTR Justice Cloud simplifies the entire court record workflow—from resilient recording and live speech-to-text to secure sharing, audit trails, and permission-based access controls. LexisNexis – <i>Together We Enable the Rule of Law</i> Enabling Together: Pursuing the Rule of Law with Lexis and Court Clerks explores how the work of court clerks extends far beyond the courthouse, powering trusted legal research, AI innovation, and public access to justice. Discover how LEXIS transforms court records into resources that support attorneys, judges, researchers, and citizens while advancing the Rule of Law. Thomson Reuters – <i>CoCounsel Legal: Complete Projects, Not Tasks</i>	Onyx Garnet Jasper

Appellate work doesn't run on isolated prompts. It runs on synthesis, precedent, and judgment applied across an entire record. See how CoCounsel Legal handles the first two, so you can focus on the third. Powered by Westlaw embedded at its core, it reasons from trusted, current, and accurate law—while your judicial judgment remains essential in guiding, validating, and shaping the final work product.

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- **Thomson Reuters** – *Addressing today's public access demands with Thomson Reuters C-Track*

C-Track's evergreen roadmap gives appellate court customers access to the most modern and robust court case management system in the industry. Come see how C-Track's Public Portal addresses WCAG accessibility, delivers new enhanced services to case parties and the public, and other features from our latest version that make appellate courts more efficient.

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2:00 – 2:30 PM

Break — 15 minutes		
2:45 – 4:15 PM	AI & the Justice System: Shaping Tomorrow's Legal Landscape — <i>Hon. Scott U. Schlegel, Louisiana Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals</i> EDUCATIONAL SESSION	Onyx
6:00 – 9:00 PM	An Evening at the Circuit of the Americas — <i>Sponsored by LexisNexis</i> <i>Buses to load at 5:40</i> VENDOR-SUPPORTED / SPONSORED	
9:00 PM – 12:00 AM	Hospitality Room - HAWAIIAN LUAU NIGHT A perennial favorite! Break out your Hawaiian shirts, shorts, leis, grass skirts, flip-flops, sandals, or your best island attire. This evening continues our tradition of honoring our beloved friend and colleague, Joe Lane (California), whose love of Hawaiian shirts made this theme especially meaningful. In tribute to Joe's legacy, we encourage everyone to embrace the aloha spirit—and why wait until evening? Wear your Hawaiian attire all day!	

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
7:00 – 8:15 AM	Breakfast GENERAL • MEMBERS ONLY	Onyx
8:20 – 8:30 AM	Morning Announcements GENERAL	Onyx
8:30 – 9:45 AM	Preparing for Success: Appellate Courts, Self-Represented Litigants, and the AI Transition — <i>Katherine Alteneder Mills & Zoe Dolan</i> EDUCATIONAL SESSION	Onyx
Break — 15 minutes		
10:00 – 11:30 AM	Arizona Avatar — <i>Alberto Rodriguez</i> EDUCATIONAL SESSION	Onyx
12:00 – 1:30 PM	Awards Luncheon GENERAL	Onyx
1:30 – 7:00 PM	On Your Own — Free Afternoon GENERAL	
2:00 – 5:00 PM	Joseph Lane Memorial Golf Tournament <i>Jimmy Clay Golf Course</i> GENERAL / SOCIAL	
2:30 – 3:30 PM	Tour of the Texas Capitol — <i>Optional</i> GENERAL	
7:00 – 9:00 PM	Game Night GENERAL	Onyx

9:00 PM – 12:00 AM	Hospitality Room - 250 YEARS OF DEMOCRACY Celebrate America's 250th anniversary in patriotic style! Wear your best red, white, and blue, or come dressed as the "Statute" of Liberty, a President, a Supreme Court Justice, Uncle Sam, or anything that celebrates our nation's history and democratic traditions. USA! USA! USA!	
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026

TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
6:30 – 7:30 AM	Fun Run/Walk GENERAL	Lobby
7:00 – 8:15 AM	Breakfast GENERAL • MEMBERS ONLY	Onyx
8:20 – 8:30 AM	Morning Announcements GENERAL	Onyx
8:30 – 9:45 AM	Court Statistics: Where We've Been, Where We Are, and Where We're Going — NCSC, Morgan Novitt EDUCATIONAL SESSION	Onyx
Break — 15 minutes		
10:00 – 11:00 AM	What's Bugging You EDUCATIONAL SESSION • MEMBERS ONLY	Onyx
11:15 AM – 12:00 PM	Business Meeting (Session II) BUSINESS MEETING • MEMBERS ONLY	Onyx
2:30 – 3:30 PM	Critique Session BUSINESS MEETING	Onyx

Conference Funding & Ethics Notice

The NCACC annual conference is paid for with NCACC funds, most of which are derived from non-vendor sources, such as dues, registration fees, member contributions to the Education Fund, and a grant from the State Justice Institute (SJI). All educational sessions are supported entirely by non-vendor funds. Some conference events, particularly social activities, are paid for, directly or indirectly, by vendors who do business with courts. Programs and events that are supported, in whole or in part, with vendor funds are clearly identified on the conference schedule.

Members are urged to review the ethics rules of their jurisdictions to determine whether they may participate in events supported by vendors. An advisory opinion prepared by the Judicial Conference of the United States Committee on Codes of Conduct, Advisory Opinion No. 91, Solicitation and Acceptance of Funds from Persons Doing Business with the Courts, June 2009, discusses some of the issues related to the use of vendor funds for conferences involving federal court personnel.

A "buy-out" option has been implemented which may enable members who would otherwise be ethically unable to participate in a vendor-sponsored event to do so. Members have the option of paying for a vendor-supported activity themselves. Members who wish to exercise this option should contact the conference host about the cost of the event and the procedure for payment.



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